



From the Desk of Howard
County Council
Chairperson Calvin Ball

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The Calvin Ball Bulletin

Construction Edition

Welcome!

In an effort to keep you informed, it's my pleasure to share a list of projects currently construction in District Two and their respective timelines. These projects may cause delays, so I encourage you to stay tuned, plan ahead and use caution when driving.

Please feel free to share this information with your neighbors. If you have any additional projects within District Two you would like to see included within this newsletter, please email me at cball@howardcountymd.gov or my Special Assistant Kim Pruim at kpruim@howardcountymd.gov.



Oakland Mills-Based Projects

Thunder Hill Rd at Rt175

The County is currently constructing a crosswalk and the missing sidewalk in front of Walgreens. This project is a collaboration between my office, SHA, and the County to improve walkability and pedestrian safety in Oakland Mills.

Blandair Park Interchange

This project will construct an interchange directly from Rt175 into Blandair Park, reducing traffic coming into Oakland Mills and our local roads.

The County has the project out for construction bids, which are set to close in November at which time they will review. The bid process could take 1-4 months. Notice to Proceed could be issued in February/March 2015, weather permitting.

Stevens Forest Rd/White Acre Streetscape

To reinvest in Oakland Mills and our Village Center, I've been working with the County and our Village Board to develop a streetscape project that supports our Master Plan. On **Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 7pm** at The Other Barn, the County's Department of Planning and Zoning will host a public meeting on the 30% design plans, which was approved by the OM Board on June 10, 2014. Concept Plan 1 includes storm water management facilities, sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, shared bike lanes, lightings, preservation and plantings of trees, roadway medians, on-street parking and relocated bus shelters.

Blandair Park Water & Sewer Extension

This project, located in the Village of Long Reach, is being performed under Capital Project W-8319 and includes 2,200 linear feet (LF) of sewer and 2,000 LF water main. Relatedly, 1,300 LF of the Spring House Creek will be restored under Capital Project J-4237; 790 LF of which is located in CA open space at this location. Construction is expected to begin this winter.

The forthcoming restoration work includes a degree of reforestation outside the limits of the water and sewer easement. For details, contact Daniel Davis at ddavis@howardcountymd.gov.

Oakland Mills Rd Realignment at Blandair Park

This project will construct a roundabout at the intersection of Oakland Mills Road and Old Montgomery at the entrance to Blandair Park as well as the realignment of Oakland Mills Road once in the park. The timeframe of this project is approximately 22 months, weather permitting. Motorists may experience detours during this time. As part of construction in Blandair, a bridge will be constructed over Route 175 connecting to the northern portion of the Park. Once that is complete, the entrance to Blandair Park from Sohap will be closed, reducing resident concerns about increased traffic and speeding on Oakland Mills neighborhood streets.

Rt 175 at Dorsey Run Rd

The County is scheduled to finish the corrections to the ADA ramps at the intersection that were left unfinished and are awaiting approval from SHA. The County has a requirements contract in place so work can begin once we receive SHA approval. We anticipate this project to take several weeks once receive SHA ADA approval.

Rt 29 Widening Project

Phase 1A Extension of Old Columbia Road

This project is currently under construction and includes utility relocation and new roadway clearing. The extension of Old Columbia Road to Twin Knolls Road will permit SHA to close the at grade intersection at US 29 northbound. This project is expected to be completed by February 2015, weather permitting.

Phase 1B NB US29 Third Lane Widening & Noise Wall Construction

Construction has begun and the project is anticipated to be complete in September 2016, weather permitting. SHA is still in negotiations with the two remaining property owners on Gales Lane.

Noise walls will be constructed along the east side of NB US29 from Seneca Drive to MD175. To facilitate the construction of the noise walls to the south of the exit ramp from NB US29 to EB MD 175, the ramp must be relocated approximately 300feet to the north. During this time, traffic will be detoured to the west MD175 exit ramp and directed around the loop ramps of the MD175 interchange to return to east MD175.



MD103 at Wesley/Old Stockbridge

Due to traffic concerns expressed to SHA and my office, SHA is proposing a traffic signal project to include left-turn phasing along eastbound and westbound MD103, pedestrian control signals, and crosswalk pavement markings along the west leg of MD103 and Old Stockbridge Dr. At this time, SHA does not have any right of way needed to begin construction.

Rt 103 @ Long Gate

This proposed project will be located on Rte 103/ Montgomery Road next to the YMCA across from the Long Gate Shopping Center. The project would allow for the construction of up to 79 townhomes with the maximum density of 111 townhomes. SHA is working with the property owner to install the missing sidewalk portion and possible installation of a light.

Due to school overcrowding, the developer cannot proceed; however, SHA may choose to construct the missing portion of the sidewalk in the interim near the Gatherings though at this time, there is no funding for the project. The property owner anticipates hosting a public meeting in Fall 2014, but no meeting has been

Deep Run ES Addition / Renovation

Demolition has begun and is being performed during off hours to avoid disruption to education programs.



Snowden River Park & Ride

This project will include the addition of 96 parking spaces. Construction work has begun and we anticipate work to be complete the first week of December.



Listed below you will find updates on construction projects occurring along the Route 1 corridor.



Route 1 Fire Station

A Fire Station will be constructed in the Route 1 corridor north of Route 175 near Montevideo Rd. The County has completed design work and is currently working to finalize land development and acquisition.

Route 1 at Montevideo Rd

This project will include the relocation of Montevideo Road to align with Port Capital Drive. SHA anticipates this project will likely proceed before the US1 widening. The plans are approx. 65% complete and will soon be submitted for SHA review. The County is currently working with the Utility companies to ensure we can relocate a pole near the proposed new intersection.

Rt 1: Rt 175 to Montevideo

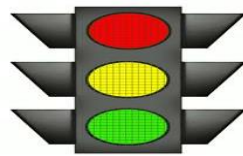
This is a State Highway project to widen Route 1 near the intersection of Route 175 and make other improvements as needed. Currently, SHA is finalizing an MOU that will among many things, coordinate right-of-way land acquisitions necessary for the project and collaborate with BGE to relocate the utility poles. Plans are being developed to address the r/w line needed to relocate the utility poles.

Rt 1 Sidewalk, Crestmount to Cedar

At my request, SHA will coordinate efforts to improve pedestrian improvements in this area. Specifically, SHA will construct a missing portion of sidewalk along Route 1 from Crestmount south to Cedar. The County will arrange for a public meeting; however, no date has been selected.

Rt 1 at Assateague Dr

This SHA and County collaboration was initiated as a request from my office to help improve walkability and pedestrian safety. Specifically, the County will construct a sidewalk along Assateague Dr from the Rt 1 right-of-way (ROW) line to the end of the existing sidewalk (900+ft). Utility issues have been identified, which they are trying to resolve. SHA has agreed to construct a crosswalk on the north side of the intersection. Construction is anticipated to begin in summer 2015, weather permitting.



Route 1 at Ducketts Lane

To address safety concerns, SHA will be installing a full color traffic signal control at this location. A Notice to Proceed was issued October 15, 2014 and the contractor has 90 days to complete the project. For details, call George Miller at 301-624-8140 or email Gmiller2@state.md.us

Thank You For Following Along!

I hope you have found this information useful. If there are any projects you would like to see included within this newsletter, please email me at cball@howardcountymd.gov.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink.

Dr. Calvin Ball
Howard County Chairperson
"Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved. ~
Mattie Stepanek